

SENATE BILL 156  
By Dixon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to certain identifying information on instruments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 10-7-513.

(a) If a social security number is included in a public record or document filed with the state of Tennessee, or with a county, metropolitan government, incorporated city, town, or utility district as created in title 7, chapter 82, such number may be included as part of the record available for public inspection and copying unless redaction is requested by the holder of such number, or by the holder's attorney or legal guardian, in a signed, legibly written request specifying the document, document heading, and page number.

(b) The request must be delivered by mail, facsimile, electronic transmission, or in person. The person responsible for maintaining such document shall not have a duty to inquire beyond the written request to verify the identity of a person requesting redaction.

(c) A fee equal to the fee paid to record the document may be charged for the redaction of a social security number.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law to the contrary, all social security numbers must be redacted from all public documents and records distributed on the Internet by the state of Tennessee, or by any county, metropolitan government, incorporated city, town, or utility district as created in title 7, chapter 82.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.